

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (currently amended): A hinge comprising:

at least one hinge part which can be mounted in an opening in a thin wall such as a sheet-metal cabinet door;

a head part, such as a flange or hinge leaf, which overlaps a rim of the opening of the thin wall on an outer side;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and can be pushed through the opening in the thin wall; and

a holding part which is carried by the body part, supported on another rear side of the thin wall, and is separate from the body part;

said holding part being formed by holding elements which project in a resilient manner from the body part in the direction of its outer surface and whose free end has (1) a first smooth inclined surface which, when assembled, contacts the rim or edge of the opening so as to support the body part on the rim or edge of the opening without play, and (2) a second smooth inclined surface which enables the holding part and the body part to be pushed through the opening, the two inclined surfaces being inclined with respect to a plane of the thin wall;

wherein the holding elements are formed by two flat metal pieces or plastic pieces lying next to one another with a flat surface of one flat piece of the two flat pieces touching a flat surface of the other flat piece of the two flat pieces, each flat piece having a rectangular opening or breakthrough, these two openings or breakthroughs together forming a rectangular space which receives a spiral pressure spring by at least a portion of its diameter.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein two holding elements which are arranged diametrical to one another are provided and are acted upon by pressure elements such as spring arrangements, particularly a coil spring common to the two holding elements or two coil springs, or wedge arrangements such as conical screws.

Claim 32 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein the holding elements are levers which are arranged at a distance from the rear surface of the thin wall so as to be rotatable to a limited extent around an axis parallel to the plane of the thin wall.

Claim 33 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein the holding elements are levers which are arranged so as to be rotatable around an axis perpendicular to the surface of the thin wall.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein the holding elements are slides which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a channel that lies parallel to the plane of the thin wall and is rectangular in cross section and are held against the force of a pressure spring by a hook arrangement that locks between the slides themselves or in the channel.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein the holding elements are slides of rigid material such as metal which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a channel that is parallel to the plane of the thin wall and rectangular in cross section and are held against the force of a pressure spring by a pin arrangement that is arranged between them.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 34;
wherein the channel has a partial dividing wall or undercut or opening edge at which the slides are supported axially by a shoulder or hook.

Claim 37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein projections which hold the spring ends radially project into the opening.

Claim 39 (canceled)

Claim 40 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein the two flat pieces of the holding elements form projections and recesses which are directed toward one another and which limit the axial sliding movement relative to one another.

Claim 41 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein the two flat pieces of the holding elements form projections and recesses which are directed toward one another and which can be engaged by a rotatable tool or key in such a way that the plastic pieces or pieces are displaced relative to one another against the spring force when the tool or key is turned.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30;
wherein the two flat pieces of the holding elements are held jointly by the spring in such a way that these three parts, independent of the body part, form a manageable unit that is stable in itself.

Claim 43 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 35; wherein a fixing pin or fixing plug or fixing screw is provided for fixing the holding elements after the hinge part is mounted in the opening.

Claim 44 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30; wherein the head part has a recess in the area of the holding elements.

Claim 45 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30; wherein the holding elements are formed by a leaf spring that is bent in a suitable manner.

Claim 46 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 45; wherein the leaf spring is inserted into a radially extending cavity formed by the body part.

Claim 47 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 46; wherein the cavity forms a slot or recess in which a projection and recess of the spring lock the latter in a working position in a fixed manner.

Claim 48 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 45; wherein the leaf spring is held by a head screw that is screwed into a threaded bore hole formed by the body part.

Claim 49 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 45; wherein the leaf spring is spot-welded or glued to a surface formed by the body part.

Claim 50 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30; wherein the hinge part has an opening like the thin wall and the holding part and the body part have their own head part.

Claim 51 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 50; wherein the head part and body part are two parts that are screwed together.

Claim 52 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30; wherein a plurality of holding elements are arranged next to one another in axial direction of the hinge.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30; wherein a second hinge part which is swivelably connected to the first hinge part has a construction analogous to that of the first hinge part.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 30; wherein a second hinge part which is swivelably connected to the first hinge part has a construction differing from that of the first hinge part with respect to its fastening to a frame, such as a door frame, or to a door leaf.

Claim 55 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 54; wherein the second hinge part is welded to the frame or door leaf.

Claim 56 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 54; wherein the second hinge part is screwed to the frame or door leaf.

Claim 57 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 54;

wherein the second hinge part is glued to the frame or door leaf.

Claim 58 (withdrawn – previously presented): The hinge according to Claim 54;

wherein the second hinge part is fastened to the frame or door leaf by a clamping pin.